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DULCY THE DRAGON
SHIJIN WARRIORS LEADER

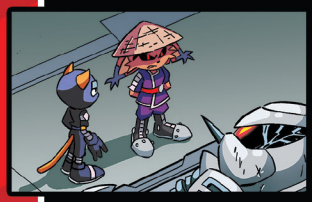
CONQUERING STORM
EGG BOSS

PREVIOUSLY...

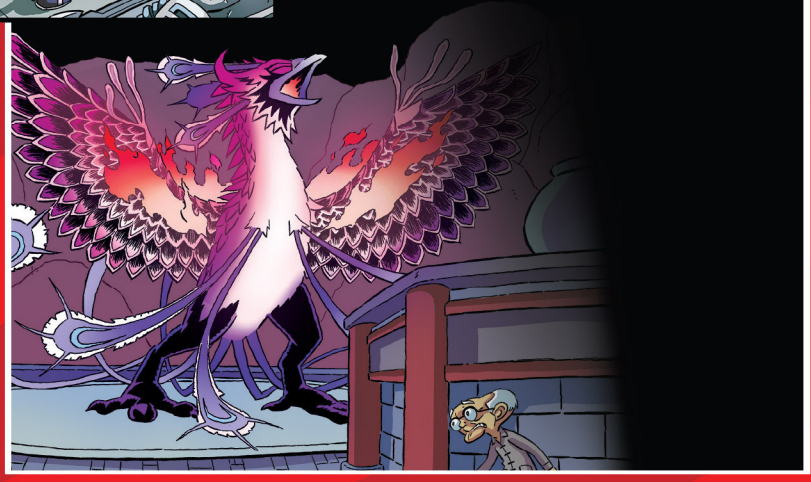
FIRE FIGHT

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters have traveled to Chun-Nan to secure the final Gaia Key! Along the way, they've reunited with their old friend Dulcy and teamed up with her brand new team of volunteers.

They found out that the key guardian had entered the territory of a corrupted temple spirit! Even worse – standing between our heroes and the phoenix's burning fury is Egg Boss Conquering Storm and her entire Egg Army!



Now it's time for Sonic to fight fire with fury!



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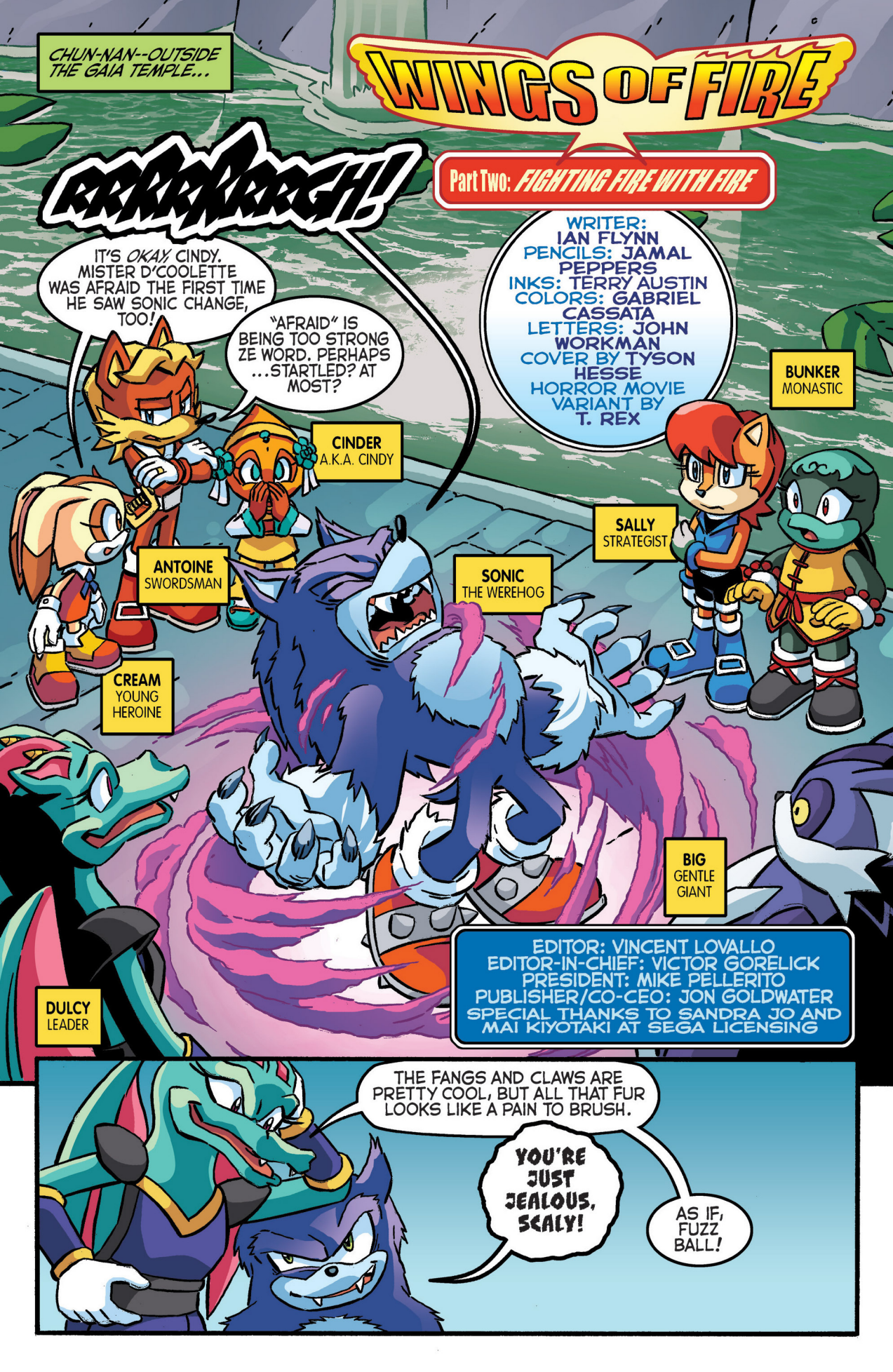
CHUN-NAN--OUTSIDE THE GAIA TEMPLE...
WINGS OF FIRE
Part Two: FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE
RRRRRRGH!
IT'S OKAY, CINDY. MISTER D'COOLETTE WAS AFRAID THE FIRST TIME HE SAW SONIC CHANGE, TOO!
"AFRAID" IS BEING TOO STRONG ZE WORD. PERHAPS ...STARTLED? AT MOST?
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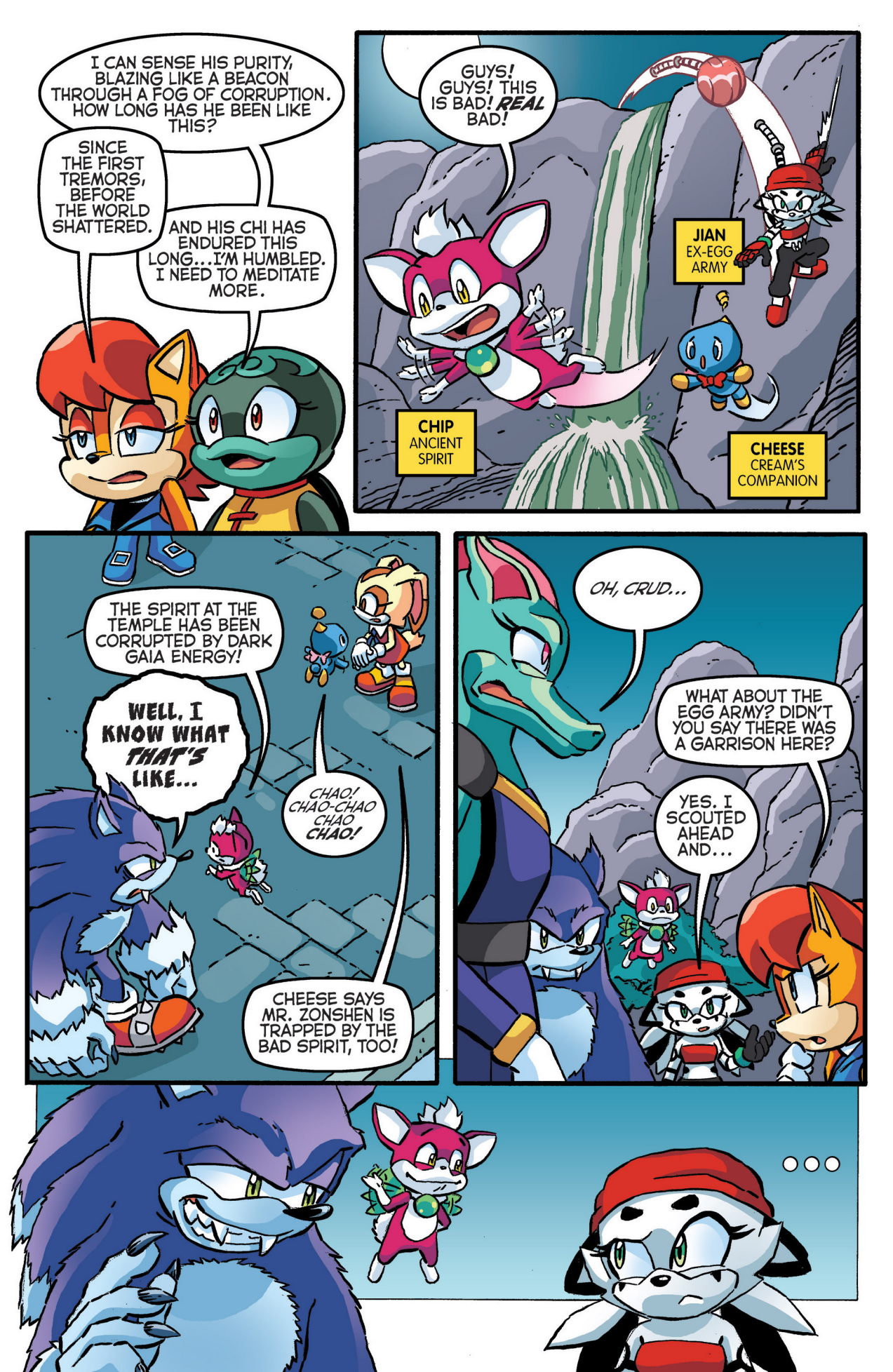
THE FANGS AND CLAWS ARE PRETTY COOL, BUT ALL THAT FUR LOOKS LIKE A PAIN TO BRUSH.
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS, SCALY!
AS IF, FUZZ BALL!


I CAN SENSE HIS PURITY, BLAZING LIKE A BEACON THROUGH A FOG OF CORRUPTION. HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN LIKE THIS?
SINCE THE FIRST TREMORS, BEFORE THE WORLD SHATTERED.
AND HIS CHI HAS ENDURED THIS LONG...I'M HUMBLED. I NEED TO MEDITATE MORE.
GUYS! GUYS! THIS IS BAD! REAL BAD!
JIAN EX-EGG ARMY
CHIP ANCIENT SPIRIT
CHEESE CREAM'S COMPANION
THE SPIRIT AT THE TEMPLE HAS BEEN CORRUPTED BY DARK GAIA ENERGY!
WELL, I KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE...
CHAO! CHAO-CHAO CHAO CHAO!
CHEESE SAYS MR. ZONSHEN IS TRAPPED BY THE BAD SPIRIT, TOO!
OH, CRUD...
WHAT ABOUT THE EGG ARMY? DIDN'T YOU SAY THERE WAS A GARRISON HERE?
YES. I SCOUTED AHEAD AND...
...

SONIC TRANSFORMS AT NIGHT. LONG STORY. HE'S FINE.
...SURE HE IS.
I SCOUTED AHEAD. THE EGG ARMY IS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT. IT'S AS IF THEY WANT US TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE TEMPLE GROUNDS.
SO...CHIP? NOW THAT YOUR POWERS HAVE BEEN REAWAKENED, IS THERE ANY WAY YOU COULD CURE THE PHOENIX?*
ER...MAYBE? IT IS A SPIRIT, SO IT'S KIND OF A SPECIAL SITUATION. IF IT WERE WEAKENED ENOUGH, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESTORE IT?
THEN LEAVE THAT TO ME! WE DARK-GAIA-INFECTED-TYPES NEED TO LOOK AFTER OUR OWN!
HMM... CONQUERING STORM PROBABLY WANTS US TO DEAL WITH THE PHOENIX FOR HER. THAT, OR SEND HER FORCES IN TO OVERWHELM US WHILE WE'RE PREOCCUPIED WITH IT...
*STH # 280.
EXCELLENT. THEN THE REST OF US WILL SEE IF WE CAN'T SET UP AN AMBUSH OF OUR OWN...

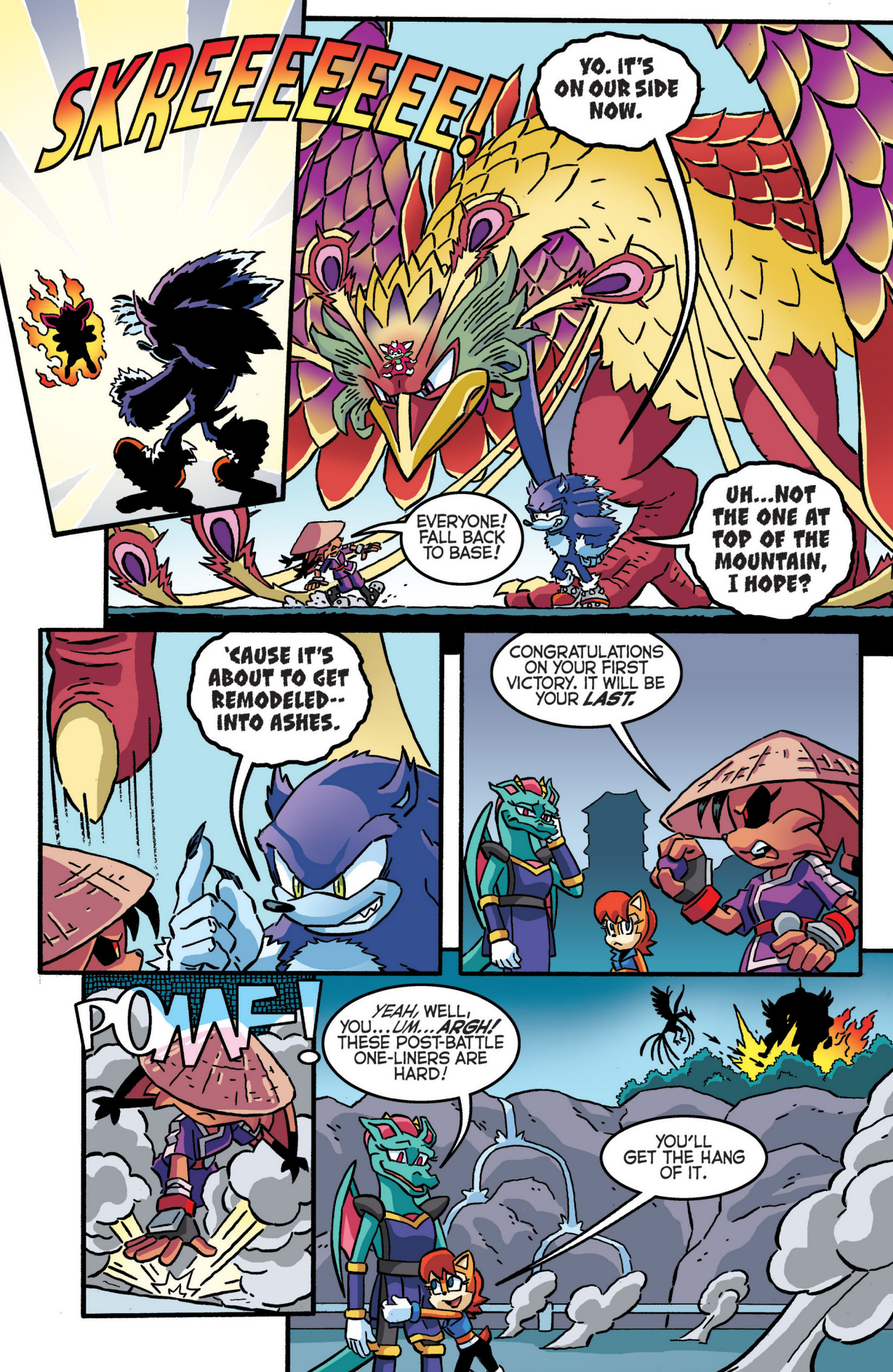
SOON--AT THE GAIA TEMPLE GROUNDS...
OVER HERE! HURRY, BEFORE IT COMES BACK!
HEY, MISTER! DON'T BE AFRAID! WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
ARE YOU OKAY?
COLD, HUNGRY AND A LITTLE CRISPY ON THE EDGES--BUT OTHERWISE FINE. I CAME TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE SPIRIT, BUT IT'S GONE WILD...
HANG ON, GRAMPS. WE'LL GET YOU BACK TO THE VILLAGE AND--
SKREEEEEEEE!
THUD!
SKREEEEEEEE!
HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

AAAaaaaaa!!!
SKRAAAAM!
CONQUERING STORM
REGIONAL EGG BOSS
HMM... ENGAGING THE BEAST IN SINGLE COMBAT. I'D EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM SONIC.
BUT WHERE ARE THE OTHERS? I CAN'T BELIEVE THE PRINCESS WOULD LET HIM GO IN ALONE...
"...SO WHERE ARE THEY?"
THOOM!
YOW! HOT! HOT! HOT!
Y'KNOW, THE OLD MAN CAME UP HERE TO GIVE YOU AN OFFERING! HOW ABOUT I GIVE YOU ONE INSTEAD?

ENJOY!
SKREEEEEEE!
CRASH!
SSSSSS
THE SPIRIT HAS BEEN WEAKENED. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER!
ATTACK!
JUST AS PLANNED.
FREEDOM FIGHTERS! SHIJIN WARRIORS! NOW!
CHEESE! GET 'EM!
SWEEE
POP!
CRACKLE!
BANG

THOK!
CLINK!
SOK!
SLAM!!!
CLINK!
GRAB!

SLAM!
DULCY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? YOUR PALTRY TEAM IS NO MATCH FOR MINE! THE PRINCESS'S SHALLOW TACTIC BOUGHT YOU A MOMENT'S SURPRISE, NOTHING MORE! YOU CAN'T WIN THIS BATTLE!
WELL--*DUH.* THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, CONNIE. NOT EVERY ATTACK IS MEANT TO BE A CRUSHING ASSAULT. SOMETIMES, IT'S JUST A DIVERSION!
WHAT ARE YOU ...?
COME BACK TO THE LIGHT, O SERVANT OF GAIA. BURN AWAY THE IMPURITY. FLY RIGHTEOUSLY ONCE MORE.


SKREEEEEEEE!
YO. IT'S ON OUR SIDE NOW.
EVERYONE! FALL BACK TO BASE!
UH...NOT THE ONE AT TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN, I HOPE?
'CAUSE IT'S ABOUT TO GET REMODELED-- INTO ASHES.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST VICTORY. IT WILL BE YOUR *LAST.*
POOF!
YEAH, WELL, YOU... *UM...ARGH!* THESE POST-BATTLE ONE-LINERS ARE HARD!
YOU'LL GET THE HANG OF IT.

SOON...
FOR SAVING MY LIFE, FOR SAVING THE SPIRIT, AND SAVING OUR WORLD, I THANK YOU. TAKE MY GAIA KEY IN GOOD HEALTH.
THANKS, ZONSHEN. YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR HEALTH RIGHT NOW.
WELL, THAT'S IT, FOLKS! THE LAST GAIA KEY! LET'S GO FIX THE PLANET!
I'VE GOT SOME THOUGHTS ON THAT. BUT FOR NOW, IT'S GOOD TO KNOW AT LEAST PART OF THE WORLD IS IN GOOD HANDS.
THANKS, SAL. THAT MEANS A LOT --TO ALL OF US.
THE END IS IN SIGHT! BUT WILL FIXING THE SHATTERED WORLD REALLY BE THAT EASY? AND WHAT DOES DR. EGGMAN HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT? FIND OUT NEXT ISSUE!
DON'T MISS OUT ON MORE FUN IN SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

OUTSIDE THE SOUMERCA EGG ARMY BASE...
RAY THE FLYING SQUIRREL
YOUNG FLYER
THIS GATE IS NO GOOD, EITHER. THERE'S A SNIPER TOWER RIGHT ON THE OTHER SIDE.
WE'VE GOT TO GET IN THERE. I'LL HANDLE IT. THAT IS, IF Ms ROSE WILL PLEASE LEND ME HER HAMMER FOR A MOMENT?
SUCH A GENTLEMAN! SONIC COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM YOU.
MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO
IT'S IN HIS NAME!
AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING HEROINE
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
TOUGHER THAN LEATHER
PIKO!
KNOCK-KNOCK!
IT'S MIGHTY AND KNUCKLES!
KER-YYHAM!
LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE!
KEEP LOW, LI'L BUDDY! STICK TO THE PLAN--NOTHING FANCY!
RIGHT! SEE YOU IN A MINUTE!

SHARDS & SPARKS

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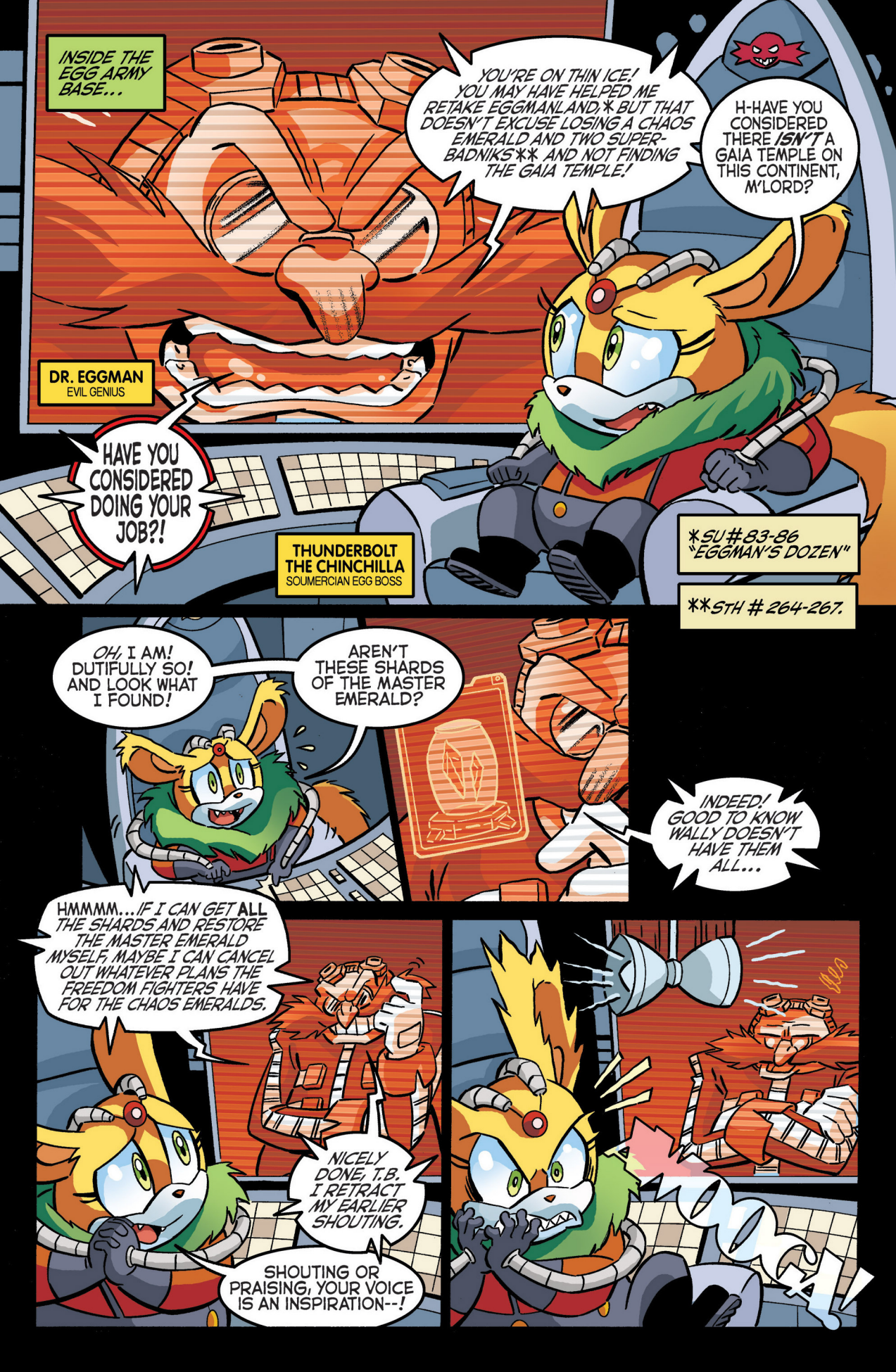
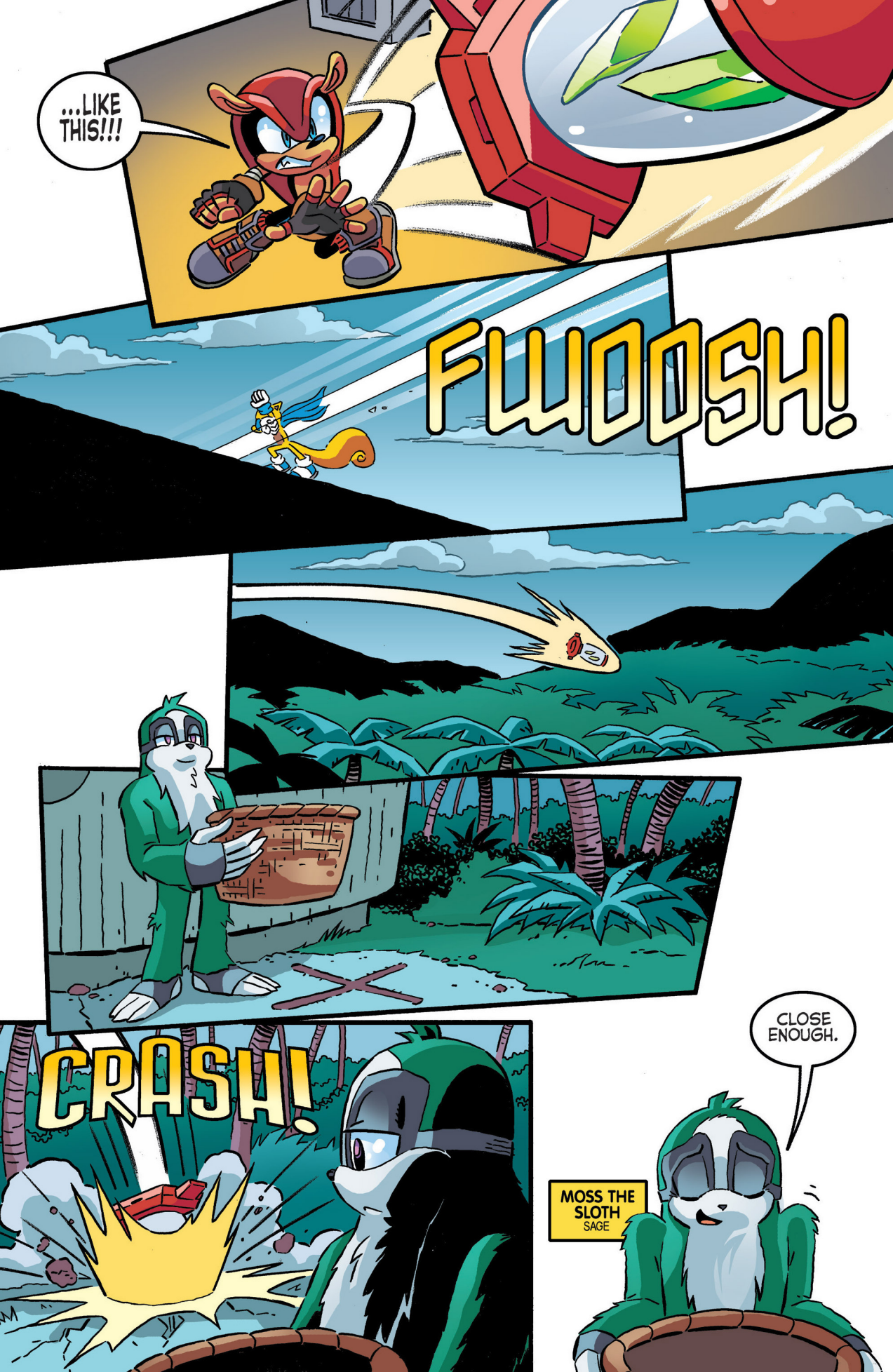

INSIDE THE EGG ARMY BASE...
DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED DOING YOUR JOB?!
YOU'RE ON THIN ICE! YOU MAY HAVE HELPED ME RETAKE EGGMANLAND,* BUT THAT DOESN'T EXCUSE LOSING A CHAOS EMERALD AND TWO SUPER-BADNIKS** AND NOT FINDING THE GAIA TEMPLE!
H-HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THERE *ISN'T* A GAIA TEMPLE ON THIS CONTINENT, M'LORD?
THUNDERBOLT THE CHINCHILLA
SOUMERCIAN EGG BOSS
*SU #83-86 "EGGMAN'S DOZEN"
**STH #264-267.
OH, I AM! DUTIFULLY SO! AND LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
AREN'T THESE SHARDS OF THE MASTER EMERALD?
INDEED! GOOD TO KNOW WALLY DOESN'T HAVE THEM ALL...
HMMMM...IF I CAN GET **ALL** THE SHARDS AND RESTORE THE MASTER EMERALD MYSELF, MAYBE I CAN CANCEL OUT WHATEVER PLANS THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE FOR THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
NICELY DONE, T.B. I RETRACT MY EARLIER SHOUTING.
SHOUTING OR PRAISING, YOUR VOICE IS AN INSPIRATION--!
AAAA!

WHAT IS IT?
DEAD MEAT.
NOT THAT I'VE FOUGHT A LOT OF EGG SOLDIERS OR ANYTHING, BUT I THOUGHT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE *TOUGH!*
AGAINST YOUR AVERAGE CITIZEN? SURE, THEY'RE FEARSOME. WE'RE IN A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEAGUE, KNUX.
HEH! LISTEN TO YOU!
SONIC WAS RIGHT-- YOU *HAVE* GONE SOFT!

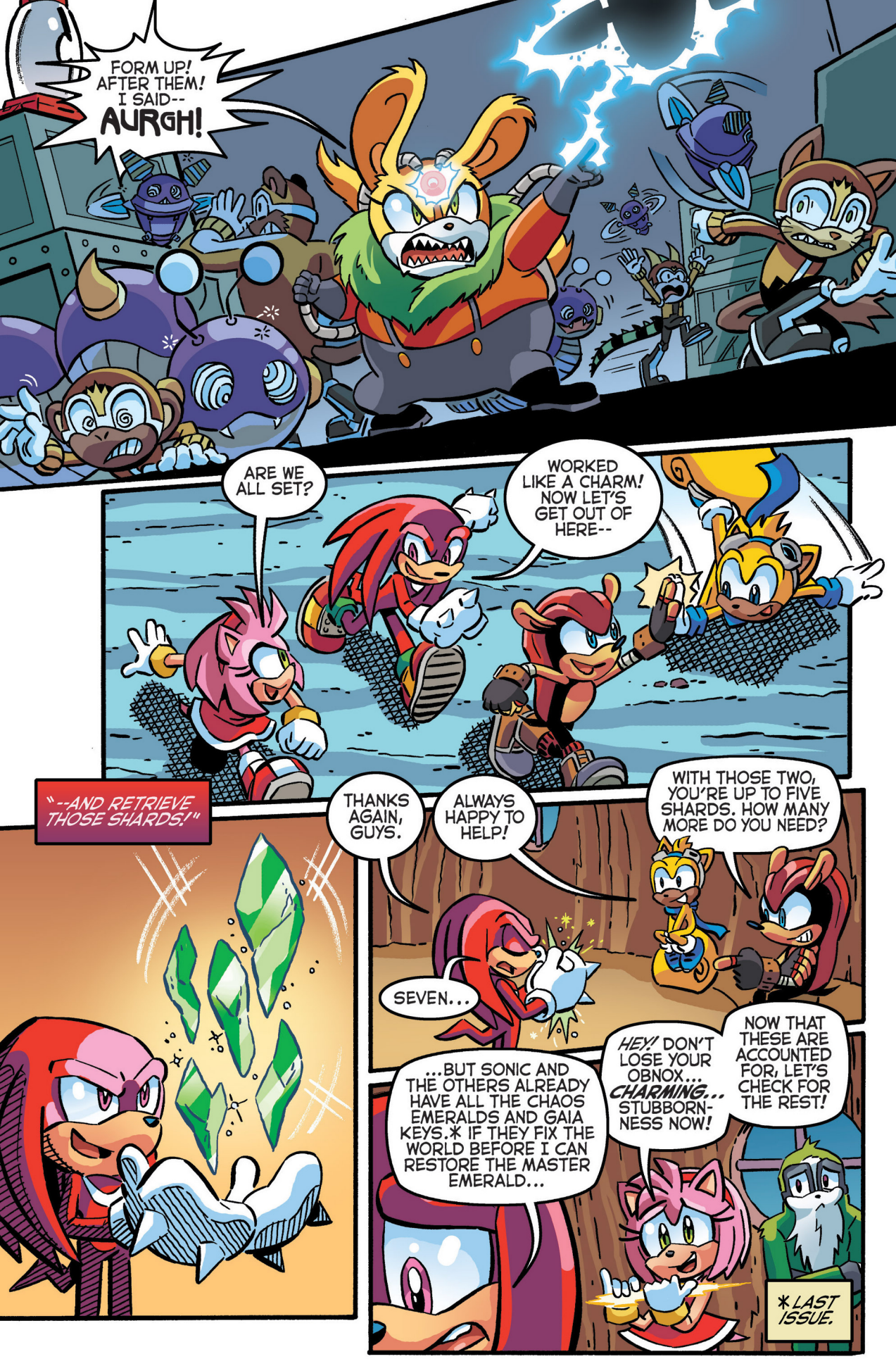
SCRUNCH!
WHUP!
CRASH!
"SOFT," HUH?
WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER--YOU, ME, SPARRING MATCH, MY PLACE.
SOUNDS LIKE FUN.
THERE THEY ARE!
EVER THE EXPERT TREASURE TRACKER! LET'S GRAB 'EM AND--
KZZZZZT!

THOSE BELONG TO LORD EGGMAN!
HOLD ON! SHE'S DANGEROUS!
SO? REINFORCEMENTS ARE ON THE WAY. STICK TO THE PLAN.
I'VE GOT THIS.
ZOT!
MIGHTY!
PERFECT TIMING!
WE'RE ALL CLEAR OUT HERE! MAKE IT QUICK!
OKAY.. SO WE TRAVEL X-NUMBER OF KILOMETERS...
MOSS'S PLACE IS NORTH OF HERE...
CALM NIGHT, NO WIND...SO THROW IT...


...LIKE THIS!!!
FWOOSH!
CRASH!
CLOSE ENOUGH.
MOSS THE SLOTH
SAGE

RAAAAARGH!
VORP
YOU GOOD?
YEAH. I KINDA WISH I HAD MORE TIME TO PROPERLY FIGHT HER.
TOO BAD! YOU'RE TOTALLY SURROUNDED! AND ONCE I FRY THE TWO OF YOU, I'LL FIND THOSE SHARDS AGAIN! I'LL ZAP THE ENTIRE JUNGLE AND SIFT THROUGH THE ASHES IF I HAVE TO!
THAT'S YOUR ANSWER TO EVERYTHING. AND WHILE YOU'RE ALL HERE...
"...YOUR COMMAND CENTER IS WOEFULLY UNDERSTAFFED."
OH, MY GOODNESS! SO MANY BUTTONS! WHATEVER DO THEY ALL DO?

tik!
tik!
tik!
tik!
PIKO!
OOPS! I BROKE IT! I REALLY OUGHT TO LEAVE THIS SORT OF THING TO TAILS-- TEE-HEE!


FORM UP! AFTER THEM! I SAID-- AURGH!
ARE WE ALL SET?
WORKED LIKE A CHARM! NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE--
"--AND RETRIEVE THOSE SHARDS!"
THANKS AGAIN, GUYS.
ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP!
WITH THOSE TWO, YOU'RE UP TO FIVE SHARDS. HOW MANY MORE DO YOU NEED?
SEVEN...
...BUT SONIC AND THE OTHERS ALREADY HAVE ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND GAIA KEYS.* IF THEY FIX THE WORLD BEFORE I CAN RESTORE THE MASTER EMERALD...
HEY! DON'T LOSE YOUR OBNOX... CHARMING... STUBBORN-NESS NOW!
NOW THAT THESE ARE ACCOUNTED FOR, LET'S CHECK FOR THE REST!
*LAST ISSUE.

UH...
OH, WHAT NOW?
I...I THINK THEY MIGHT BE ON WESTSIDE ISLAND.
LIKE...A BUNCH OF THEM. SOMEHOW ...?
WE'D COME WITH YOU. BUT I WANT TO BE HERE TO PROTECT MOSS IN CASE THUNDERBOLT HAS A TANTRUM.
I DOUBT SHE KNOWS WHERE WE LIVE, BUT I APPRECIATE IT ALL THE SAME.
NO SWEAT, MIGHTY. WE SHOULD TRAVEL LIGHT, ANYWAY.
NEXT STOP--THE KINGDOM OF ACORN!
THE MYSTERY DEEPENS AND KNUCKLES COMES CLOSER TO HIS END GOAL! FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO TEAM RED ROSE IN "SHATTERED" STARTING IN SONIC UNIVERSE #87!

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that will raise you like a phoenix!

Welcome back, my comic crazies!

The time has come once again to go behind the scenes and explore the concepts and ideas that make up the Sonic comic universe! This issue we'll be taking a closer look at Dulcy's team of Shijin Warriors from Chun-Nan. Check out the concept artwork below by the awesome Aleah Baker!

JIAN THE TIGER

First up is Jian the White Tiger. Early on in her life, Jian joined the Egg Clan Army. Enticed with their pride of strength and unity, she soon realized their cause was not one she wanted to be a part of. Jian now fights alongside Dulcy and her team, using her cybernetic tail blade to cut down her foes!

BUNKER THE TURTLE

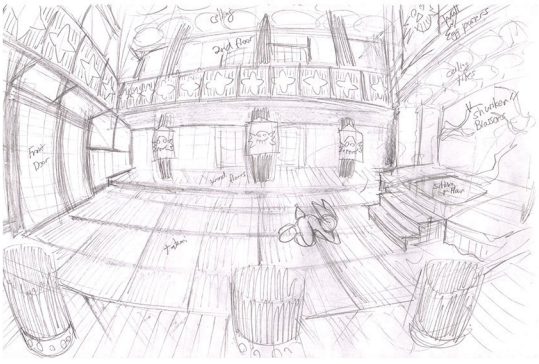
Next is Bunker the Turtle. Bunker is the Shrine Matron of Chun-Nan. She has a calm and welcoming demeanor, necessary for her to sense the chi of those around her and herself. Don't let her mellow appearance fool you though, she can pack quite the punch!

CINDER THE PHEASANT

Finally we conclude with Cinder the Pheasant. "Cindy" is the youngest of the team. While she has much to learn about freedom fighting, she is still able to contribute to the team's efforts with her eager attitude and quick movements. She aspires to become a powerful warrior, the likes of the flaming phoenix.

What do you think of our newest members? Write in to let us know and be sure to come back next time for even more insider info! Later!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor



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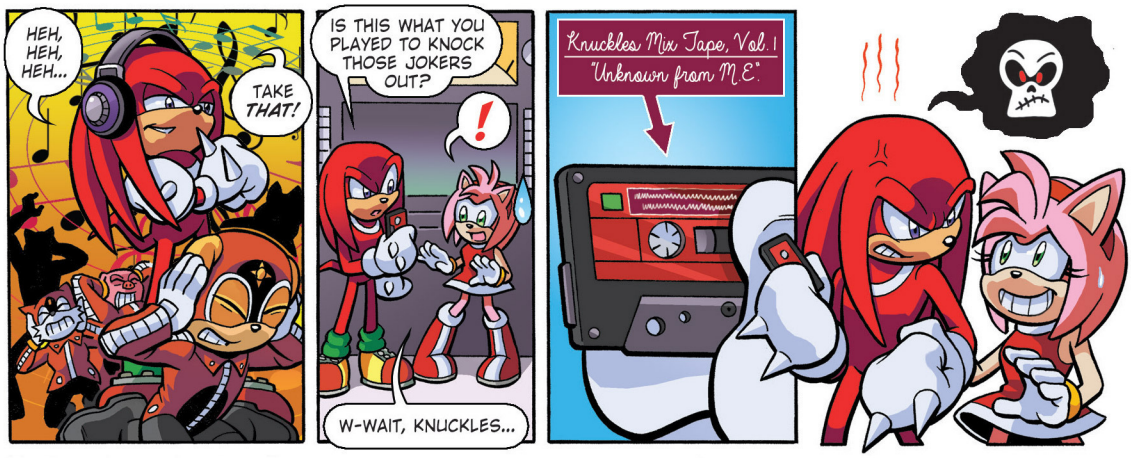
OFF PANEL

A (NOT SO) MYSTIC MELODY



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